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## BEGIN FIGHT

To Pass County Unit Extension Bill.

Anti-Saloon League Has Opened Campaign.

Will Try To Make Measure The Big Issue.

TALK STILL OF AN EXTRA SESSION.

Extension of the county unit law, so as to make it apply to every county in the State and then to amend the Constitution so as to allow a vote by the people of the State as a whole on the question of open saloons, is the aim of the Anti-Saloon League in Kentucky, and the fight to have both these measures passed by the next General Assembly has been opened. The fight will be kept up from now until the time for the election of the members of the two houses of the Legislature and a determined effort made to have nominated and elected only those men who favor the extension of the county unit bill.

In every Legislative and Senatorial district this fight has already been opened, and will be waged persistently. The work has just begun and is done unostentatiously now, but when the time comes to nominate candidates for the Legislature both parties will find themselves facing the Anti-Saloon League which will demand that both Democrats and Republicans put up men who are favorable to the county unit extension bill. The Anti-Saloon League has become one of the most powerful organizations in the country and is as strong in Kentucky as in any other State. This powerful working organization will be behind the county unit bill and there is no intention to let the bill get away from the league at the next session of the Legislature.

The Rev. Dr. M. B. Adams, who has taken an active part in the workings of the Anti-Saloon League and who was one of the leaders in the fight to pass the county unit bill at the last Legislature, said yesterday that the work of trying to control the next Legislature had already begun and would be waged in every county in the State. He said the newly elected secretary, Mr. West, who formerly was in charge of the work in Virginia, had assumed charge here and would go to work to get the whole State organized.

As yet the league has taken no step toward asking Gov. Willson to call an extra session of the Legislature, but it is probable that if it is found that the extra session will be called, the Governor will be asked to include in the subject to be considered, the county unit bill. The county unit bill was such a bone of contention at the last session and was traded and jolted about to such an extent that the league hesitates about putting this measure in the call for an extra session for fear it might be complicated with other issues and be beaten again.

At any rate there will be no effort to have the Governor call an extra session for the purpose only of considering the county unit extension law. The league will rest on their oars and work with the next Legislature, hoping that they can get their bill through then.

There is still talk of an extra session to be held in the fall, but no one seems to know about what it would be called. There is said to be pending in the Supreme Court the case involving the redistricting of the State into Congressional districts, and

it is probable that if this case is decided, the way the Republicans hope it will be decided, that is, knocking out the law, an extra session will be necessary to pass some measure which the Congressmen could be elected. It is also possible that the Governor has other things on his mind and might call the extra session for something else.

While this is going on the Anti-Saloon League is pegging away and will try to get from each candidate for the Legislature this written pledge that he will vote for an extension of the county unit bill. If any candidate refuses to give this pledge then an effort will be made to beat that candidate at the general election. The league is going to try to make the county unit bill the issue in the election at which candidates for the Legislature are chosen.

## GOVERNOR GIVEN ROUSING WELCOME.

HARVARD MEN SING "OLD KENTUCKY HOME" FOR HIM AT PHILADELPHIA.

Gov. Willson was given a rousing reception by the Associated Harvard Club members when he reached Philadelphia last week, and he was made much of by the Harvard men. In a letter to McKenzie Todd, his private secretary, Gov. Willson tells of how he was received. When his train reached Philadelphia he found a large number of Harvard men at the depot, waiting for him. They welcomed him with a shout and almost took him by storm. Then the whole crowd uncovered their heads and sang "My Old Kentucky Home." The Governor said in his letter that he never heard that beloved old song sung more sweetly and was never more affected.

Gov. Willson is now in Washington, where he is attending the conference of Governors of the various States. He expects to return to Frankfort on Sunday night or Monday morning, and will resume his work on the Powers and Howard cases, on which he has come to no decision as yet.

## Will Soon Double Present Capacity.

GLASS FACTORY NOW ON SOLID FOOTING—300 GROSS BOTTLES DAILY.

With everything running smoothly at the glass factory and two shifts being worked, the men at the head of the plant now see their way clear to start the other furnace in September, when 200 additional hands will be employed. At present about 200 hands are being worked, 48 of these being blowers. In September the force will be exactly doubled, and the other furnace of the pair started.

The glass factory is now turning out 300 gross of pint bottles every day, a night and day shift being engaged. This means that the plant is beginning to be put on a paying basis and is to be a success. During the next two months the business will amount to about \$40,000, that much being in sight now. Unless something unexpected happens the business and capacity will be doubled within a few months and there is a chance that even this will be increased before very long.

## Kentucky Furniture For Royal Palace.

It has been announced that a deal has been closed at the St. Louis furniture exchange for \$45,000 worth of furniture to be used in the palace of King Edward, of England. An official representative of the King closed the deal, and the furniture is to be manufactured in Louisville.

### OPERA HOUSE CONTRACT.

J. M. Perkins will get the opera house. His bid of \$1,400 will be accepted, Smith & Noonan withdrawing their bid of a like amount, after reaching an agreement with the other bidders. Possession will be given on June 1st.

## HISTORIC SPOTS

Marked By Historical Society.

To be Put Up by State Historical Society.

First Will be Placed On Site Of Old Love House.

LESSON FOR YOUNGER GENERATION.

To preserve the location of, and keep fresh in the minds of the younger generation, the important events in the history of Kentucky the Kentucky State Historical Society has plans on foot to place stone markers on the sites of those events which have played so important a part in the development of Kentucky. These markers will be placed in Frankfort first and several will be located in this city, where the history of Kentucky has been made for so many years. Later it is the intention of the society to mark spots all over the State, in every county, where any important event took place. The first marker that will be put up will be on the site of the old Love house, in Frankfort. This house played an important part in the history, not only of Kentucky, but also of the nation, as Aaron Burr met his conspirators there in 1805.

The stone markers which will be used will be paid for by the State and will serve to teach the younger generation the history of Kentucky. The location of the first capitol of the State, which is in Danville, will be marked, for instance, and it will not be many years before the building which was occupied as the capitol will be a thing of the past. With nothing to show where this house stood, it would be only a short time until all trace of it would be lost and no one would know certainly where the first Legislature in the history of Kentucky ever met. Other spots which are famous will be marked in the same way, and the society has its plans well laid to commemorate events of historical interest. It is not the intention to deal with current events but to mark events as recent as the civil war. For instance, a marker will be put on the old Fort Hill, in Frankfort. This hill once held a blockhouse built by the early settlers, and also was fortified by the Confederates during the civil war. It is also planned to have a fountain located on St. Clair street, on the north side of the bridge here, in the triangle adjoining the custom house.

Wood W. Longmoor went before the General Council Monday night and asked permission to erect the Love house marker. There was some difficulty about obtaining the consent of the present property owner but it is believed that this can be secured and the marker put up. Mr. Longmoor gave the following historical sketch of the old house:

Built by General James Wilkinson in 1786.

Sold to Major Thomas Love, of the U. S. A., in 1797.

Occupied as the first Capitol in Frankfort, when the second Legislature met in its rooms, 1793.

Aaron Burr met his conspirators in the west end of the rooms of the old Love House in 1805.

Philip Nolan boarded at the Love House, before going to Texas and becoming the first martyr to Texan liberty.

In the Love House, Louis Philippe, the exiled prince, afterwards King of France, in 1830, made his home when

in Frankfort, 1797. In the "Love House" was preached the first sermon ever heard in this city. The first organized South of Kentucky was founded here. Lafayette was entertained here, in 1825, and Jackson and President Monroe and President Madison paid their respects here. The house was burned down and rebuilt from this site in the summer of 1870.

## TO INVESTIGATE THE PENITENTIARY.

STATE INSPECTOR WILL TAKE UP CHARGES MADE BY FORMER WARDEN.

M. H. Thatcher, State Inspector and Examiner, shortly will make an official investigation of the Frankfort penitentiary and will go into all of the charges made by George Chinn, former warden. Mr. Thatcher could not say yesterday when he would begin the investigation, but was inclined to think that he would take up the Frankfort prison next. He has just completed an investigation of the books of the Circuit Clerk of Jefferson county and will now be free to take up whatever seems most pressing.

He said yesterday that he would have to look into all the penal and charitable institutions sooner or later and he thought it probable that he would begin at once on the penitentiary here, in view of the serious charges which have been made by Mr. Chinn. Mr. Thatcher said it would be his duty to investigate every thing connected with the prison, not only the financial side of it but also the charges of cruelty to the inmates and the methods of conducting affairs. The work will consume much time and will be watched with interest, as Mr. Chinn made serious charges which were denied by the Prison Commissioners.

## Resigns As Pastor Of Providence Church.

THE REV. A. PAUL BAGBY WILL GO TO GLASGOW TO ASSUME CHARGE OF NEW WORK.

The Rev. A. Paul Bagby has resigned as pastor of Providence Baptist Church, in this county and will go to Glasgow to take charge of a Baptist church there. The Rev. Mr. Bagby announced his decision at a meeting of the congregation last Sunday.

The resignation was received with regret, as Mr. Bagby has made many friends in his work in that section of Franklin county.

Mr. Bagby was graduated two years ago from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, and immediately took charge of the church in this county. He is a young man of ability and winning ways and has a bright future before him a minister of the Gospel.

## Bryan Urges All States To Instruct.

SAYS PEOPLE SHOULD BE GIVEN RIGHT TO EXPRESS PREFERENCES.

In the "Commoner" William J. Bryan, under a glaring caption, urges the instruction of delegates to the Democratic National Convention. He says:

"Instructions to delegates are the order of the day. Nearly all the States which have held Democratic conventions so far have instructed. This is as it should be; instructions are Democratic. The people speak through instructions—they can not speak in any other way. A failure to instruct turns the delegates over to the party bosses."

## FLOOD STATE

With Copies of Speech Delivered by Beckham.

Every Democrat Receives At Least One.

Politicians Asking What This Move Means.

COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT TUESDAY.

Why have 285,000 copies of J. C. W. Beckham's speech been sent to Democrats over Kentucky?

This is a question which is being asked everywhere, whenever it is stated, by Mr. Beckham's friends, that he is out of politics. During the last few weeks copies of the speech which Mr. Beckham delivered at the banquet given by the Young Men's Democratic Club, just at the close of the last session of the Legislature, have been sent to Democrats all over the State, almost every man who registered as a Democrat receiving a copy of this speech. Mr. Beckham has a list of nearly all the Democrats in Kentucky, and every man has received one or more copies of the speech in which Mr. Beckham declared his intention to withdraw from politics. In some instances more than one copy has been sent to the same man, through mistake. One man who was here the other day said he had received five copies, at various times. A force of clerks has been kept busy for several weeks.

To send out 285,000 copies of this speech means the expenditure of a good deal of money. The stamp bill would be \$2,850 as a beginner and the printing would cost considerable more, to say nothing of clerk hire and other expenses. The question, therefore, is being asked, by men interested in politics, why is Mr. Beckham maintaining a bureau for the dissemination of literature which advertises himself. No one seems to know, or no one will say, who is maintaining his bureau, but it certainly is not done without Mr. Beckham's sanction.

Mr. Beckham's attitude in the next State convention is a subject to which great interest attaches, for it has been strongly intimated that he would again attempt to control the party. The first real test of his strength will come next Tuesday when a meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee will be held in the Capital Hotel here. At this meeting the time and place for holding the State convention will be selected. Mr. Beckham will attempt to control the committee, it is said, and will try to send the State convention to Lexington. This is the programme, and if he is able to prevent the convention from going to Louisville it will show that Mr. Beckham still has a following and is to be reckoned with in Democratic politics in Kentucky. Louisville and Lexington will be the contestants for the location of the convention, and each expects to win. Mr. Beckham's friends want the convention taken away from Louisville because Louisville's representatives in the Legislature voted against Mr. Beckham in the senatorial race.

What Mr. Beckham will do in the next State convention and what part he will play in its movements is a question. He has a strong personal following, yet, and if he goes to the convention and makes a fight on Senator McCreary, as it is said will be done, the chances for a split within the party seem to be good. If, on the other hand, Mr. Beckham does not try to dictate, but is really out of

politics, as he is quoted as saying, then the convention will be simple and the Democrats can and will get together against, with victory in store for them in November.

The sending out of thousands of copies of his speech would indicate that Mr. Beckham is not out of politics, or rather that he is trying to get back into politics again, but, on the other hand, the fact that he has accepted employment from the L. & N. railroad would indicate that he is has quit the political game. Mr. Beckham is doing well with his law practice. His friends say that he is going to be a lawyer now and not a politician, and if this is true, the chances for Democratic success in Kentucky would be vastly better than they have been for four years.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of Franklin county intends to attend the Democratic State Convention in a body whether it is held in Louisville or Lexington. Tentative plans looking toward a movement to interest the large membership in this plan were made at the regular weekly meeting of the club this week. The sentiment of the members present was unanimously in favor of the plan, and it is believed that there will be no votes of dissent in the ranks of the organization.

## Criticises Governor For Sending Troops.

TRIGG COUNTY MAN ADDRESSES LETTER TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Max Hanberry, one of the most prominent Republicans of Western Kentucky, is out in a lengthy letter in the Cadiz Record, addressed to "His Excellency, Gov. A. E. Willson," in which he asks the Governor some very pointed questions, and criticises him severely for sending soldiers into Trigg county, when they were not asked for by the county authorities. Mr. Hanberry says he was for Willson when Taylor was nominated; was for Willson when Belknap was nominated and has known and admired him for twenty years, but that if he is responsible for "the invasion of our homes, in the wee small hours of the morning" by armed soldiers, who "dragged some of our boys from their beds and carried them away prisoners, etc.," he is not the man that he has always thought him to be.

## Vest Out Of Race For The Legislature.

WILL NOT OPPOSE J. H. JACKSON IN OWEN—WILL GO TO DENVER CONVENTION.

Oscar Vest, who was sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, at the last session of the Legislature, was in Frankfort yesterday on business. He said he had decided not to make the race for the Legislature in Owen county, but would give J. H. Jackson, the present Representative, a clear field. Mr. Vest had thought of running for the Lower House, as a member from Owen county, but yielded to Mr. Jackson, who wants to represent Owen county against next session.

Mr. Vest has been appointed sergeant-at-arms at the Denver convention in July, and will go there to see the Democrats nominate a candidate for President.

## Dog Law Submitted To Court of Appeals.

The famous dog law, about which so much has been said and written and which the last Legislature refused to repeal, in spite of the pressure brought to bear on the members was argued yesterday before the Court of Appeals in the case of Maglone against Womack from Carter county. Edward Hamilton, of Frankfort, represented the dog and Attorney General James Breathitt defended the law. A decision is expected within a short time.

Mrs. Nancy Winn, aged 101 years, died at her home in Barren county.